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# lation of the Newes ſent

from *Amſterdam*, the 21. of February, 1603. Concerning the fight of fiue Dutche ſhippes in the East Indies, againſt the Portugall Fleete, conſiſting of eight great Gallions, and 22. Galleyes both great and ſmall: wherof was Admirall, *Don Andreas Fartado Mendoſa.*

Wherevnto is added alſo, the Voyage and Nauiga-*tion of the ſaid fiue Dutche ſhippes and others, in the Iles of Eaſt Indies, and of their comming home.*

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# A TRVE AND particular relation of the Newes sent from *Amsterdam*, the 21. of February, Anno. 1603. *Stilo nouo*, concerning the fight of fiue Dutche shippes, in the East Indies, against the Portugall Fleete, consisting of eight great Gallions, and 22. Galleyes, both great and small: whereof was Admirall *Don Andreas Furtado Mendosa*.

SIr, I haue hitherto signified vnto you those Newes (whiche I had heard of sundrie persons) brought by the Pinnace from the East Indies, but now, forasmuch as the Maister of the Pinnace himselfe (called *Cornelis Schoutein*) arriued here yesternight, certifying vs of all by word of mouth, therefore I haue written vnto you more certainly and particularly thereof. To wit. That the fiue shippes which sayled and departed hence, in the yeare 1601. on the 23. day of Aprill (whereof was Admirall *Wollfert Hermans*,) arriued in the streight of *Sunda*, on Christmas day, in the saide yeare 1601. where they were aduertised and warranted by a

ſmall *Chiniſh* Whippe, that before *Bantam* laie a Portingall Armade of Nauie, conteining eight great Galleons, and 22. Galleyes, great and ſmall, which had laine before the Towne a day or two.

The ſaid Dutche Admirall cauſed his ſaid fiue Chippes to call Anker, and toke counſell together for their better reſolution in their buſineſſe. And becauſe you may knowe what, and how many Chippes they had in companie to attempt ſuch, and ſo great an enterpriſe, I will rehearſe and ſet downe their names, and burthen of the ſame.

One Chippe of the burthen of 520. tunnes, called *Guelderland.*

One Chippe of the burthen of 400. tunnes, called the *Sealand.*

One Chippe of the burthen of 240. tunnes, called *Vtrecht.*

One Chippe of the burthen of 120. tunnes, called the *Watcher.*

One Chippe of the burthen of 50. tunnes, called the *Doue.*

Their reſolution was, that they ſhould aſſaile and fight with the ſaid Armade of Nauie with their Ordinance: In handling whereof, our men after, and farre better practiſed then the Portingalles, determining ſo to chaſe them from their ſiege: whereupon they ſet ſayle, and the next day early in the morning, they beganne to fight with the Portingales Chippes, and ſo with great force and reſolution on both ſides, they maintained this maner of fight with their Ordinance, not only the ſame whole day, but 6. or 7. dayes after, vntill the firſt day of January in the yeare 1602. and toke the ſame time from the ſaid Portingales, two Galleyes, and three Galleyes which were wonderfully battered and bruſed with the ſhot of our fiue Chippes.

After

After that they themselues had set them on fire, suffering them to driue downe the Riuer vpon our shippes, meaning thereby to hinder or rather to burne our shippes, but God be praised they effected no hurt at all.

Finally, the Portingalles seeing no good issue like to fall on their side, left their siege of *Bantam*, and departed to the Ile of *Ambona*, on the one side whereof, they haue a Castle, which they strongly fortified, and haue cut downe all the Cloues Trees, and pulled them vp by the roots, or at the least wise destroied as many of ỹ trees as they could, committing likewise a most great, wicked, terrible, and cruell murther vpon the poore inhabitants of the same Ile, the right nature and condition of Tyrants, which are accustomed to vse cruelty vpon poore disarmed men and naked creatures, when they dare not defend, nor reuenge themselues vpon their enemies. This is the great credit which this victorious *Don Andreas Furtado Mendosa* with his Armade or Nauie hath gotten.

Truly, it is onely the Lorde God which gaue so great courage and magnanimitie to the hearts of our people, with so small a power of weake men to assaile and ouerthrow so great and mightie a Fleete in comparison of ours, to which mercifull, louing, and omnipotent God, be all laude, praise and glorie. Amen.

Our shippes remained nine dayes at *Bantam*, prouiding themselues of all necessaries, where they were welcome, and with great ioy and gladnesse, receiued both great and small, the reason thereof was, because they thought that the Portingalles were determined to come vpon them, or at least to build a Castle vpon an Ile, hard by *Bantam*, but the Lord hath confounded their deuices.

Our saide shippes being appointed to make their voyage to *Banda* and *Terrenata*, for the remainder of the old ac-

count, furthered their voiage towards the same Iles, where they found and sawe the cruell actions of the Portingalles, as committed by the saide Portingall Fléete in the Ile of *Aubona*, and were departed thence to *Intidor*, where they also haue a Castle. And howbeit the Ile of *Aubona* is scituate betwéene *Terrenata* and *Banda*, yet notwithstanding our shippes seperated themselues, the better to furnish their lading, whereof two directed their course for *Banda*, and three for *Terreneta*, where they found our Factor or Commissioner *Francis Verdoes* in good health, being in great fauour with the King there, who shewed him all curtesie and kindnesse, but he had not any great store of Cloues, by reason that the yeare had bene verie vnseasonable and vnfruitfull, and yéelded but small increase, as the like had not bene séene in many yeares before. They laded such smal store of cloues as they found there, and sayled with the three shippes from thence towards *Banda*, to the other two, where they also found our Factor or Commissioner *Adriaen Veen*, in good health, where one of the two shippes was alreadie fully laden with Nutmegges and Maces, also they laded there the ship called *Guelderland*, (which had bene in *Terrenata*) and the small Pinnace the *Done*, with which three shippes the Admirall *Wolfert Hermans* is now comming home. The Pinnace (being a little on the other side of *Capo de buona Speranza*) straied, hauing lost the company of the other two shippes, the *Guelderland* and *Zealand*, which we also daily do expect: They sayled with these three ships from *Bantam*, on the 25. day of August. The other two ships, *Vtrecht* and the *Wachster*, vnder the commaund of the Viceadmirall *Hans Bastwell*, sayled from *Bantam* towards *Terrenata*, to the ende to staie there for the new increase of cloues, meaning therewith to lade the said shippes.

*Iacob van Neck*, with his two ships, to wéete the *Amsterdam*,

ſterdam, and *Der Gouda*, who we thought ſhould haue had their lading of Cloues in *Terrenata*, and had bin there long before the other ſhips, hath effected nothing, by reaſon of the great ſcarcitie of commodities. And whereas right ouer againſt, or hard by the Caſtle *Tydoro*, there laie two Portingalles ſhips, and one *Magelane* ſhip called the *Fayth*, which they had taken before, the ſaid *Van Neck* purpoſed to driue the ſaide two Portingall ſhips from thence (I thinke at the requeſt and inſtance of the king of *Terrenata*,) but his enterpriſe ſucceeded not very well, for he loſt 8. or 9. of his men, whereof *Nicholas Cornelison* Maiſter of the ſhip *Ter Goude*, was one, and he himſelfe loſt three of his fingers of his right hand: he ſayled from thence towards a place called *Patana*, ſcituate after *Cuda* or *Mutana*, where he procured halfe lading for one of his ſhips with Pepper, and was purpoſed to returne to *Terrenata*, or at leaſt wiſe ſend thither the ſhippe *Ter Goude*, to the ende to lade her with the great encreaſe of the new Cloues.

The Admirall *Iacob Van Heemskercke*, who likewiſe ſayled out of theſe Countries on the 23. of Aprill, 1601. is arriued at *Bantam* with fiue ſhips, and the ſeuenth (being the Viceadmirall, loſing the company of the other ſhips about the Iyne) hath bene in *Achein*, and hath laden there ſome ſmall ſtore of Pepper, wherewith he ſayled towards *Bantam*, where he found his company of theſe ſeuen ſhips, (fiue being fully laden) departed from *Bantam* homewardes, the 11. of May, in the yeare 1602. which was long before theſe three came thence, they muſt be as we thinke in the Ile of S. *Helena*, becauſe they would not willingly fall vpon thoſe coaſtes in the winter ſeaſon: the Lorde graunt them a proſperous voyage and ſafe arriuall.

The Admirall *Iacob Van Heemskerke*, is ſayled further off with the two other ſhips towards the Iles, to the end to ſeeke out Negotiation.

Of

Of the two shippes which went towards *China*, there is no newes, but only that at *Bantam* was a speech which is not good: to wit, That those of *China* should haue hanged 15. or 16. of our people which went there a shoare, but thereof is small certaintie, we hope that the matter shall not be so badde.

Of the shippes of *Zealand* is no certaintie, but only that there was a flying speech of two shippes which were seene in the Iles, and therefore it is supposed that the two shippes of *Zealand* were there.

Of the English and French shippes we haue no newes at all.

The fiue shippes which sayled and departed from *Bantam* towards these countries, on the 11. of May, 1602. are these following.

*Amsterdam, Horne, Enckhuysen,*
the blacke *Lyon*, the greene
*Lyon*.

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